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January 28, 2006  
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Dear Mr. Payne,

As a member of the American Soybean Association, Ohio Soybean Association, and also a farmer/producer, I believe it is my obligation to comment on the Soybean Promotion and Research Program, 7 CFR part 1220, No. LS-05-07, Volume 70, No. 231, 72257, December 2, 2005.

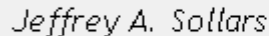
I recognize the need for Producer commodity checkoffs, and have always supported the program. However, accountability to the farmer/producer must be improved. It is essential to ensure continued farmer support. The following changes could improve accountability:

---With a simple majority vote of the elected board, all state checkoffs could request that funds generated in their respective state stay under their sole discretion and control. Those funds would be sent to the USB through individual state funding requests. This is how funds are distributed for the corn checkoff program.

---Producers should be given the opportunity to request a refund.

These important changes would allow the checkoff program to function at a more efficient level, while maintaining grass-roots involvement and support and improving the relationship between all interested parties for the good of the American soybean farmer.

Sincerely,

A light gray rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey A. Sollars".

Jeffrey A. Sollars, Ohio Soybean Association President

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